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# Anna's Mexican Restaurant brings festive flair to downtown Matador

Anna's Mexican Restaurant in downtown Matador brings a festive flair to town with its ethnic cuisine and decor.

Frank and Anna Ortiz, owners, opened for business October 10, 2002, bringing a longtime dream to fruition.

The restaurant, located in the former location of The Windmill on Main Street features Anna's homemade cooking with Mexican and American food. Hungry customers can enjoy everything from Fajitas,

Enchiladas, and homemade tortillas, to cheeseburgers and chicken fried steak. "I love to cook," Anna said. "I have been cooking since I was about 10 years old. I cook like my Mother taught me." Anna is the oldest child in her family and remembers helping her mother prepare meals.

Frank and Anna, whose family roots are in Mathis, moved to Matador from Floydada in 1980 when Frank went to work at Matador Motor and



Anna and Frank Ortiz stand in front of the beautiful handpainted mural on one of the walls at their new restaurant, Anna's Mexican Restaurant. The eating establishment in downtown Matador was a longtime dream for the couple.

# Motley County Chamber plans upcoming projects

by Penny Pipkin

The first Motley County Chamber of Commerce meeting for 2003 was held Tuesday, January 21, in the Library. New officers are Penny Pipkin, President; Shirley Smith, Vice-President; Annette Hollinsworth, Secretary; and Sondra Francis remains Treasurer.

Overall goals and strategies for 2003 were outlined by Penny Pipkin with a focus on accomplishing tangible results of Chamber projects.

It was acknowledged that the Chamber initiated and is maintaining a computer informational Website plus finally having Internet access, thanks to a computer installed through a MCISD grant. Board members commented that the members of the Chamber must be aware that these capabilities represent ongoing expenses for the Chamber while at the same time provide excellent promo-

tional opportunities for bringing visitors to Motley County and business to the merchants.

The promotional billboard sign project was reviewed. Most of the paperwork has been completed to submit application to Texas Department of Transportation for the sign's erection. If approved, Motley County citizens will see one large business promotional sign going up at the intersection of Texas 70 and US 70/62 and another on US 70/62, just east of town.

It was announced that the Chamber will be presenting "welcome baskets" filled with coupons, gift certificates, and/or small items donated by Motley County businesses to new resi-

There was some preliminary discussion on the Chamber's main goal for 2003: the REFURBISHING OF BOB'S OIL WELL.

# Motley County Heart Fund campaign kicks off in February

by Earlyne Jameson

In honor of National Heart Month, the Motley County Heart Association, a community based organization, will have its annual Fund Drive during the month of February.

There has been an explosion of new non profit organizations, especially in the past decade and half. The AHA seeks to help all individuals and continue to identify needs, mobilize resources and research to be used for positive results. AHA should be measured by the positive impact it has made with citizens of Motley County. Your contribution to the Motley County Heart Fund is being used for a vital

Volunteers serving on the Motley County Hospital board are Mrs. Odessa Mullins of Roaring Springs, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert of Flomot, Mrs. Judy Cooper, Mrs. Myrna

Blasingame and Mrs. Earlyne Jameson of Matador. If you wish to give an AHA Memorial, please contact The First State Bank or Mrs. Jameson.

The best exercise for your heart is in helping others. Please lend a helping hand to the Motley County AHA Fund Drive in February. Your donation is a worthy investment, providing an excellent return for self, family and society. WE'RE FIGHTING FOR YOUR LIFE!

Implement for Larry Hoyle. He worked for Larry for 12 years and then went to work for Cooper Oil where he worked for one year before going to work at TxDOT where he has been employed for 10 years. Anna, a homemaker and stay at home Mom for several years, has worked at various jobs including Billy's Grocery Store and the First State Bank.

The couple, who begin each day with prayer, gives God the glory for bringing this longtime dream to a reality. "The opening of the restaurant was orchestrated by God, in His timing," Frank said. "Finding the right building and getting everything ready was all brought together by God."

"All of the equipment for the restaurant were like gifts from God. Everything is paid for. God blessed us with the finances to purchase everything we needed," Anna added.

Friends helped with the painting and decorating. Barbara Armstrong and Susan Gahr painted a beautiful mural on one wall and Sharon Allen painted some furniture for the business. "We really appreciate their help," Anna said. "We just started out painting everything off-white. Barbara came in one day and said, 'We'll come and help you.' And I'm glad they

The restaurant is a family affair, Anna and daughter Jeannette do all the cooking and Anna's sister, Frances Fonseca, who moved to Matador from Mathis a few months ago, is the waitress. Stachia Baxter also waits tables part-time.

"Jeannette started doing restaurant work when she was very young," Anna said. "She has 17 years experience at this type of work, so I have really depended on her help. I knew I could cook, but I didn't have any idea about how to run a restaurant."

"We enjoy our customers.
Everyone always seems so happy," Anna said. "I cook for people like I would cook at home and we want our customers to feel at home."

The day begins early at Anna's. Open Tuesday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Anna starts making tortillas early in the day for the already popular breakfast burritoes. "We can pretty much make a burrito to your specifications," Anna explained. Two of the most popular are Egg and Charizo, and Potato, Egg and Cheese.

As much as she enjoys cooking, Anna takes the day off on Sundays and the couple usually enjoys eating out after church. "We will never open on Sunday," Frank said. "That's the Lord's day."

In addition to daughter Jeannette Klebahn, the couple also has a son, Frankie and a new daughter-in-law, Crystal. They have four grandchildren, Marcus, Ruby and Mercy and new to the family, Evan.

"We love Motley County and the people here and are glad to be in business here," Frank and Anna agreed. "We give God the glory for making our business possible and we thank the people here for supporting us," Anna said.

"With this business we wanted to help Motley County by bringing something new to the county. We hope to be a blessing to the people we serve, and we are blessed to be here," Frank added. "This is a great community, we love it here and we plan to stay here."

# Mother-Daughter Banquet set for February 17th

The Eternas Study Club will be hosting the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet Monday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Motley County School gym. All girls, K-12th grade, and their mothers are invited to attend.

Tickets are \$7.00 each and this includes a meal of BBQ brisket and all the trimmings and entertainment by Sherry's Flying Angels and the Motley County Gymnastics class.

Tickets will go on sale Saturday, February 1 and continue through February 14. To purchase a ticket contact Denise Ford or Ginger Gilmore at the Motley County School or

Annette Hollinsworth at New to You in downtown Matador. Dress will be casual or wear your red, white and blue.

Make plans now for an evening of food and fun.

# State Director of Tourism to speak in Roaring Springs

Linda Campbell, State Director of Tourism for Texas Parks and Wildlife of Austin, will speak to the Texas Highway 70 Association, Thursday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Community Center. Cold cuts for sandwiches will be served.

Everyone with an interest in this area is invited and urged to

# Don't forget ... VALENTINE BRAG PAGES

will be printed in the February 13th issue Deadline for pictures is Feb. 6th!

(See page 6 for more details)

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Motley County Tribune

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Matador, TX 79244

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# Matador Lions to host Annual Pancake Supper

Once again the staid, distinguished (but not stuffy!) members of the Matador Lions Club will don aprons and chef hats and start flipping pancakes, slinging batter, and sizzling sausages for their annual Pancake Supper, to take place at the MCISD cafeteria on Friday, January 31, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Matadors will challenge their big team rivals from Spur and will appreciate everyone coming out to support them, and the Lions Club!

Cost of the delicious dinner will be \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for 6th graders and under.

# Matador City Council takes care of city business at December and January meetings

At their December meeting, Matador City Council members were presented prices from Robert Morris of Warren Cat of Lubbock on used dozers. Council members reviewed the prices and asked questions about the different type of machines. Mayor Williams informed Mr. Morris that bids would be advertised at a later date

Penny Pipkin, representing the Motley County Chamber of Commerce was present at open forum. Mrs. Pipkin had received a phone call from a family in Taylorville, Illinois wanting to relocate to Matador. The family is associated with gas exploration activities in the area. Mrs. Pipkin informed the Council that she would send the family brochures from the area and let them know what opportunities are available.

Mayor Williams presented the Council with a resolution that would allow him to sign a contract with the Motley County chamber of Commerce to lease the upstairs portion of City Hall. Shane Jones made a motion to pass this resolution and James Watson seconded. It was passed 4-0.

Another resolution was presented by the Mayor. This resolution was for the City of Matador to participate in the seal coat project with Ollier Engineering. Fred Parson moved to pass this resolution. James Watson seconded and motion passed 4-0.

Another resolution was presented regarding a records retention policy. This policy states what records need to be kept and for how long. James Watson made a motion to pass this resolution and Shane Jones seconded. This also passed with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Williams also suggested to the Council that the city begin reimbursing the Matador Water District for the water that is used in the City. He stated that they had received \$1200.00 per month in the past and thought this would be an appropriate amount to pay.

The last resolution brought before Council members was for the Texas Plains Trail. This is a resolution that gives support to the volunteers and the Northwest Texas Museum Association to make the Texas Plains Trail a reality in West Texas and Plains Trail region of Texas.

Mayor Williams gave a report on the status of the nursing home. He stated the architects are designing the facility and the plans may be completed in January.

Mayor Williams attended a rehearsal in Lubbock for the upcoming water improvement grant. The presentation will be made in February.

Mayor Williams also stated that the 4A and 4B sales tax

boards will be appointed at the January meeting. He asked the Council to have names ready for submission.

Water Superintendent Steve
Barton reported the city radios
are working good. He informed
the Council that employee
Devin Perryman had used 8
days over his earned sick leave.
It was suggested to let Devin
work these days after hours or
on the weekend to repay the
days. Mr. Barton also stated that
a tap for Tommy Gleghorn was
completed.

At 8:48 p.m. Council went into closed session. After returning from closed session Fred Parson moved that all permanent employees receive \$100 Christmas Bonus and part time employee Elaine Risser receive \$25 net bonus. Shane Jones seconded the motion and it passed

All members of the Council were present at the December meeting with the exception of Bert Darsey.

At the January 9th meeting Mayor Williams represented a resolution to allow the Mayor to execute a Warranty Deed to transfer lots owned by the Vera and George Bond Estate to Market Matador. This is in exchange for taxes owned with all other entities completing similar documents. On a motion by Doyle Rose and seconded by Bert Darsey this resolution was passed 5-0.

A second resolution to allow the Mayor to sign a Warranty Deed transferring lots in the name of Don Tonroy to Market Matador in exchange for taxes owed. This is the same type of deed as discussed above. Bert Darsey motioned and Fred Parson seconded to pass the resolution, passed 5-0.

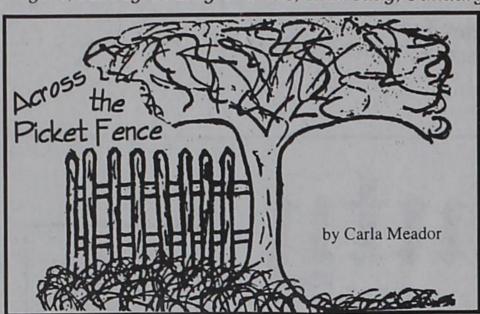
Mayor Williams presented a resolution from the City of Hamilton, Texas requesting support for a Bill in the Texas House next session. The Bill will ask for cities of 5000 and less to be exempt from the current law, which requires all plumbers to be licensed. This requirement is placing a burden on smaller cities that do not have an abundance of licensed plumbers.

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## Men's Breakfast Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, February 1, at 7:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in

This breakfast is for all Men of the County, regardless of denomination.



I receive so many good emails and quite a few really bad ones, but this particular one really touched my heart. Some of you may have received it also. It is long and it is sad, but I hope you are touched by it as much as I was.

Brian Moore, 17, had only a short time to write something for a class. The subject was 'What Heaven was Like.'

"I wowed 'em," he later told his father. It's the best thing I ever wrote." It was also the last.

Brian's parents had forgotten about the essay when a cousin found it while cleaning out the teenager's locker at his school. His parents desperately wanted every piece of his life near them. It was only two months before, that he had handwritten the essay about encountering Jesus in a file room full of cards detailing every moment of the teen's life. But it was only after Brian's death that his parents realized that their son had described his view of heaven. It makes such an impact that they wanted to share it.

Brian died in May of 1997. He was driving home from a friend's house when his car went off the road and struck a utility pole. He emerged from the wreck unharmed but stepped on a downed power line and was electrocuted. The family framed a copy of Brian's essay and hung it among the family portraits in the living room. "I think God used him to make a point. I think we were meant to find it and make something out of it," his mother said of the essay.

This is his essay.

THE ROOM In that place between wakefulness and dreams, I found myself in the room. There were no distinguishing features except for the one wall covered with small index card files. They were like the ones in libraries that list titles by author or subject in alphabetical order. But these files, which stretched from floor to ceiling and seemingly endless in either direction, had very different headings.

As I drew near the wall of files, the first to catch my attention was one that read "Girls I have liked." I opened it and began flipping through the cards. I quickly shut it, shocked to realize that I recognized the names written on each one. And then without being told, I knew exactly where I was. This lifeless room with its small files was a crude catalog system for my life. Here were written the actions of my every moment, big and small, in a detail my memory couldn't match.

A sense of wonder and curiosity, coupled with horror, stirred within me as I began randomly opening files and exploring their content. Some brought joy and sweet memories; others a sense of shame and regret so intense that I would look over my shoulder to

see if anyone was watching. A file named "Friends" was next to one marked "Friends I have betrayed."

The titles ranged from the mundane to the outright weird. "Books I have Read," "Lies I have Told," "Comfort I have Given," "Jokes I have Laughed at." Some were almost hilarious in their exactness. "Things "I've yelled at my brothers." Others I couldn't laugh at: "Things I have Done In My Anger," "Things I have Muttered Under My Breath at My Parents." I never ceased to be surprised by the contents. Often there were many more cards than I expected. Sometimes fewer than I was over-I hoped.

whelmed by the sheer volume of the life I had lived. Could it be possible that I had the time in my years to fill each of these thousands or even millions of cards? But each card confirmed this truth. Each was written in my own handwriting. Each signed with my signature. When I pulled out the file marked "TV Shows I have watched," I realized the files grew to contain their contents. The cards were packed tightly, and yet after two or three yards, I hadn't found the end of the file. I shut it, shamed, not so much by the quality of shows but more by the vast time I knew that file repre-

When I came to a file marked "Lustful Thoughts," I felt a chill run through my body. I pulled the file out only an inch, not willing to test its size, and drew out a card. I shuddered at its detailed content. I felt sick to think that such a moment had been recorded. An almost animal rage broke on me. One thought dominated my mind: No one must ever see these cards! No one must ever see this room! I have to destroy them!" In insane frenzy I yanked the file out. Its size didn't matter now. I had to empty it and burn the cards. But as I took it at one end and began pounding it on the floor, I could not dislodge a single card. I became desperate and pulled out a card, only to find it as strong as steel when I tried to tear it.

Defeated and utterly helpless, I returned the file to its slot. Leaning my forehead against the wall, I let out a long, self-pity-ing sigh. And then I saw it. The title bore "People I Have Shared the Gospel With." The handle was brighter than those around it, newer, almost unused. I pulled on its handle and a small box not more than three inches long fell into my hands. I could count the cards it contained on

And then the tears came. I began to weep. Sobs so deep that they hurt. They started in my stomach and shook through me. I fell on my knees and cried. I cried out of shame, from the overwhelming shame of it all. The rows of file shelves swirled in my tear-filled eyes. No one

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## Do Gooders Club of Flomot begins new year with optimism

The Do Gooders' Club met at the Community Center in Flomot Tuesday afternoon, January 7, and began the new year with optimisim. Mrs. Waydetta Clay conducted the business meeting. They were given a good financial report and discussed future projects. Members were reminded those who serve as hostesses for the monthly meeting would have the responsibility of presenting a program for the club.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and Mrs. Waydetta Martin performed entertaining comcial skits followed by resounding laughter by the members.

Hostesses were Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert. In the absence of Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. Leona Degan and Mrs. Clay presided at silver appointments and served apples with fruit dip, sand tarts, chips and dips with special apple cider. The table was laid with a lace cloth and blue runner; centered with a silver bowl with compartments filled with colorful confetti. Silver bells arranged intermittenly completed the lovely decor.

Mrs. Nada Starkey was winnder of the raffle ticket drawing and was elated with the angel in a beautiful quilted ensemble.

Those attending were Mesdames Trula Martin, Judy Stark, Geneva Martin, Leona Degan, Nada Starkey, Kathy Shorter, Waydetta Clay, Alma Shorter, Anna Beth Clay and Suzie Shannon.

# Arts & Crafts Club enjoys Christmas party

by Winifred Darsey

The holiday season was a nderful time for Motley County Arts and Crafts Club.

The Christmas Bazaar was successful and a fun and delightful time for all who came. The sales were good, the visiting and partaking of the bountiful tea table were enjoyable.

The Christmas Party was held at the lovely and beautiful new home of Dartha Westbrook. The Christmas decorations complimented the lovely home.

Mrs. Westbrook was a gracious hostess, giving everyone a tour of the house. She also demonstrated to the guest the art of making small gift boxes from used Christmas cards too pretty to discard.

The lighted Christmas tree was the focal point of the day, with a gift exchange, and a setting for the decorated brown

The decorated bag contest with many pretty bags was held, with a silent vote taken. Vee Gordon won with her bag, painted a brilliant blue with pink flowers, resembling the Hibiscus. The door prize was won by Jo Sandlin.

The traditional Christmas dinner was delicious and enjoyed very much.

The members of the club that attended the late-night shopping event for visiting, din-ing and shopping all agreed that it was a lovely evening with all

the pretty decorations, the lights. The children were thrilled over Santa Claus, and were being real nice. It was a time to remember.

The first program of the new year was held at the Senior Citizens center on January 6. It was taught by Grace Garrison, assisted by Lorene Lancaster. The members were taught a new art forum, "Swedish Weaving." This is a lovely way to make many useful items, including table runners, placemats and other items of this form.

The club dined with the Senior Citizens on chicken fried steak, baked potatoes, salad, and pineapple cake.

Loys Campbell, Club President, held a business meeting. Business and future plans for the club were discussed. The club is off for a grand year.

Members present for the Christmas party were Joy Ar-cher, Loys Campbell, Lana Copp, Vee Gordon, Grace Garrison, Dorothy Knight, Lorene Lancaster, Joyce Meredith, Dorothy Day, Donalda Letkeman, Kathryn Russell, Pat Smith, Betty Simpson, Shirley Smith, Nova Dell Turner, Dartha Westbrook and Winifred Darsey.

The February meeting will be held the 3rd. Betty Henry will teach a class on painting with

See you there!

# Abbott.

#### **Notes** by Suzanne Abbott We appreciate the memorial donations that we received this

past week. Thanks to R.C. and Callie Giesecke and Roy and Joanie Stephens for their donations in memory of Kenny

Twenty-five videos were recently donated to the library. Come in and look them over. Some are recent movies and you are sure to find one you would like to watch.

New books in the library include Silent Partner by Stephen Frey, <u>Indigo Dying</u> by Susan Albert, <u>Rodeo</u> by Lynn Campion and Whispers at Midnight by Karen Robards. There has also been a donation of two audio

books. Our audio collection is

Library

getting bigger. Next time you're going to be driving a few hours, come in and check out a book to listen to on your way.

# Beth Moore Bible Study to begin February 4th

A Beth Moore Bible study, "Beloved Disciple" will begin Tuesday, February 4, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. The study is from the book of John.

The 11-week study will be held each Tuesday morning, at 9:00 a.m. at the Church and each Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Anne Seigler in Matador.

The only cost for the study is \$14 for the workbook.

For more information contact Lana Copp at 347-2425.

## Reception honors longtime resident

A lovely reception hosted by the Matador Assembly of God Church was held Saturday, January 25, at the Senior Citizens Center honoring Cora Hall. Many friends and family gathered to share this special event. There were moments of tears and laughter as folks shared and bid farewell to Cora.

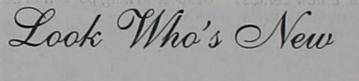
dor in 1913 to Lydia and G.W. Ratcliff. She married Mark Hall September 9, 1933, and raised their children, Martha and Albert.

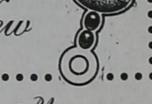
Out of town guests included her sister, Dora and husband, Paul Farrar of Denton; nephew George and wife Mary from Brownfield; Flora Mae Phillips from Memphis; and Buster

Birchfield from Andrews.

Mrs. Hall was delighted to see former pastor, Rex Kreusel and family, now of Dumas. She also enjoyed the phone calls, cards, letters and visits of wellwishers who could not be in attendance on Saturday.

Mrs. Hall will be moving to Mrs. Hall was born in Mata- Washington state in the near future to be near her children and grandchildren. This is not an easy move for her as she leaves a lifetime of history and memories but also looks forward to being with her children, Martha and Albert of Seattle, Washington, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and soon to arrive her first great-great grandchildren.





## Cheyenne El Wanda Mount

Hank and Karen Mount of Roaring Springs would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Cheyenne El Wanda

Cheyenne was born January 14 at 4:01 p.m. at UMC Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 6 pounds and was 21 inches long. Welcoming their new baby sister are brothers and sisters, Kristopher, Larissa, Aaron, and

Grandparents are Forest Carson of Roaring Springs and the late El Wanda Carson.



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## CONTROL



There is a word that brings to our minds several different concepts. But the control we will speak of here is "self-control." We is listed in our Bible as one of the "fruits of the spirit." It is named in the list of Christian virtues that are to be added to our faith. Easier said that done. Someone has said, "He is every inch a king who rules with absolute authority over his appetites and desires."

R. Whitson Seaman also hit the nail on the head when he stated, "Abstain from what is harmful to the body or soul, and be moderate in your use of what is not." Self-control lies in some of these areas: What we say...what we wear...how we act...where we go...what we read....what we watch on TV....Here are some more: attending church services ... how much we give .... daily Bible reading ... praying ... and speaking to some one about their soul. Aren't these also matters of self-control?

The person who says they have no problem with self-control usually doesn't have any. The individual quoted earlier in again quoted here: "Not qualified to be in command of others is he who is not in command of himself." (Mr. Seaman). The world we inhabit would be a better place if all of us practice self-control more often. It begins with me and will you join me? Let's give it a try.

#### **Roaring Springs Church of Christ**

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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**Recognition Month** 

Recognition Month. Local

Smith, Tina Brooks, Shonda

Elliott, and Les Woolsey.
As citizen leaders, indi-

vidual school board members face complex and demanding

challenges. Yet, few people fully understand the scope and far-

and women and focus attention

on the crucial role these elected

public officials play in the edu-

Their job is to establish a vision for the education program,

design a structure to achieve

that vision, assure schools are

accountable to the community,

and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning. That job entails an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend;

reams of reports, agendas, proposals, and other information to

read and study; and a host of

come from all walks of life. They

are farmers secretaries, doc-

tors, lawyers, homemakers, ar-

chitects, truck drivers, profes-

sors, business owners, and real

estate agents, to name just a

in the workday world, school

board members put on a collec-

tive hat when they get down to the business of leading their

school districts. Board mem-

bers must pull together as a team toward a common goal —

helping students achieve. While

- Proverbs 16:3

While they wear many hats

School board members

difficult decisions to make.

cation of our children.

January is School Board

# THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS

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## Round two of District play begins

by Amanda Hurt

The second round of district play began on January 21. The Lady Mats had an upsetting loss in overtime, 40-39, against New Home. Brittany Moore (Soph.) was lead scorer with 13 points. Chasity Holman wasn't far behind with 12; Brittany Donaldson had 7; Mandi Ream, 5; and Stachia Baxter, 2.

The Ladies played their second game on January 24

The Motley County PTO

held its first meeting of the New

Year on Thursday, January 23.

Minutes were read from the

previous meeting by Mary Ann

Potts, and D'anna Russell gave

a quick treasurer's report stat-

ing the PTO's account balance

overview of the school's CATE

(Career, Agricultural & Technol-

ogy Education) Program. This

program introduces students to

Home Economics, Agriculture

and Computer sciences, to

name just a few. For some stu-

to experience these fields. Ba-

sically, this program may be dropped from the MCS curricu-lum due to budget cutbacks.

Mrs. Russell encouraged every-

one present to write to our local representative, Rick Hardcastle

at District Office, 1930 Fannin,

Vernon, TX 76384, in support of

keeping the CATE Program at

coming Box Tops Contest Start-

ing January 28, a new contest begins and will end on March 14.

MCS's Annual Pajama Reading Party. One option considered is celebrating the event during

school hours on or near Dr.

Seuss' birthday. D'anna Russell, Tammy Simpson, Brooke

More details will follow.

School will

ternoon of in-service.

Friday

dismiss early

Motley County Schools will dismiss at 1:30 p.m., Friday,

This is in order for Motley County teachers to have an af-

Also discussed was an up-

Plans are in the making for

dents it is the only opportunity

New business included an

of \$2,914.60.

against Southland, with a big win of 65-25. Brittany Moore (Soph.) led in scoring once again with 18 points. Charli Ream added 13, while Chasity Holman and Brittany Donaldson each put in 10. Ashlee Green added 6; Mandi Ream and Stachia Baxter, 3; and Ashley Fonseca,

The Matadors also lost a close game to New Home, 49-47. Clint Cooper was lead scorer with 24 points. Seagram Sims

by Mary Ann Potts

PTO Meeting.

Rankin.

Barton and Mary Ann Potts will

be working out the details as

this event approaches. More to

be announced at next month's

sponsoring The Little Dribblers.

All 3rd - 6th grade students will

have the opportunity to join in the fun of Basketball. Team

leaders include Cathey Turner,

Annette Hollinsworth and Lacy

Upcoming events an-

January 31: Gym Rockers

Lions Club Pancake Supper

February 8: Scrapbook

February 10-13: Six-Week

February 13: PTO Meeting

Workday, time to be announced.

performance during half-time of

Varsity Boys Games.

at MCS Cafeteria.

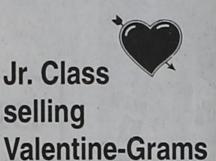
Test Time.

And the PTO is once again

and Quinten Rose had 8, and Lorenzo Salazar, 7.

The Matadors defeated Southland 72-46. Lead scorer was Clint Cooper with 22 points. Seagram Sims added 18; Clay Cooper, 9; Lorenzo Salazar, 6;

Quinten Rose and Colton Russell, 4 each; Kenny Johannes, 3; Cody Cooper, Chance Bingham and Brandon Martin, each added 2.



by Amanda Hurt

The Junior Class is now selling Valentine-Grams. Send a sucker with a message to your friend, teacher or that special someone. The Valentine-Grams will be delivered on Valentine's

Each Gram will cost \$1.00 each. Suckers are sold everyday, except Friday, in the morning and during lunch, and at basketball games.

Be sure to buy your Valentine-Gram soon!

Beat the

Winter Blues! :

Get SEW

Breakfast: scrambled eggs, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: BBQ/bun, lettuce, to-

MONDAY, FEB. 3

mato, pickle, onion, chips, jello/ fruit, milk.

biscuit,

SCHOOL

MENU

TUESDAY, FEB. 4

Breakfast: hot cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: ham, black-eyed peas, fried okra, corn bread, slice peaches, milk.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

Breakfast: pancake, sausage, syrup, cereal, toast, juice,

Lunch: vegetable beef soup, toasted cheese sandwich, veggie sticks, crackers, fruit fluff, milk.

#### THURSDAY, FEB. 6

Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: chicken nuggets creamed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, hotrolls/honey, milk.

#### FRIDAY, FEB. 7

Breakfast: biscuit, sausage, gravy, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: corn dog, macaroni & cheese, salad, chocolate brownie, milk.

thoughts shall be established."

they may individually disagree January is School Board on certain issues, their role as a board is to consistently strive School Board members are Marisue Potts, Douglas Campbell, Coy Franks, Pat

toward that goal. Board members contribute hundreds and hundreds of hours each year leading their districts. Whether it be crafting policies, hiring top-notch administrators, listening to staff and student concerns, or recognizing outstanding programs, reaching implications of board members' responsibilities. All Texans should recognize the vi-tal contributions of these men board members always keep their eyes on the goal of student achievement.

The time spent in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the hours school board members spend in leading their districts. They also work hard at seminars and training sessions to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, are deeply involved in community activities, and spend many hours in the schools and at extracurricular events.

Their love of learning, and concern and caring for students, staff and the community, drive board members' desire to lead so students can achieve.

In recognition of this dedicated service, January is designated "School Board Recognition Month." This is a time to show our appreciation and begin to better understand how local trustees work together to provide a better future for our children. In January, join with others from throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools. Make a special effort to tell each school board member that his or her hard work has been noticed and is truly appreciated.

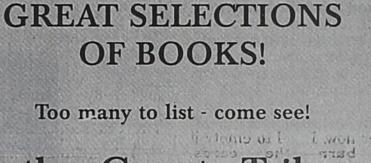
#### CORRECTION

Due to the motion failing, a motion was left out of the School Board report in last week's pa-

"A motion was made by Pat Smith to look into changing the fund-raiser policy. Motion died to lack of second. A motion by Pat Smith, seconded by Douglas Campbell to leave fund raising policy as it is written and to revisit at a later date. Motion carried 6/0."

Good humor makes all things

tolerable. -Henry Ward Beecher



"Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy

few.

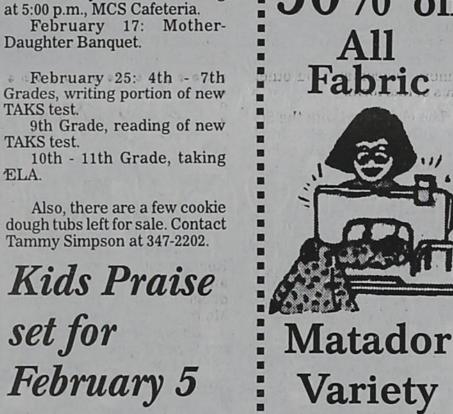
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Kids Praise will be held at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Wednesday, February 5, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. All children of the community, 2 years through 6th grade are invited to attend. Songs, crafts, a Bible story and refreshments will be enjoyed.

Kids' Praise is sponsored by the Women on Mission of the Church's WMU.

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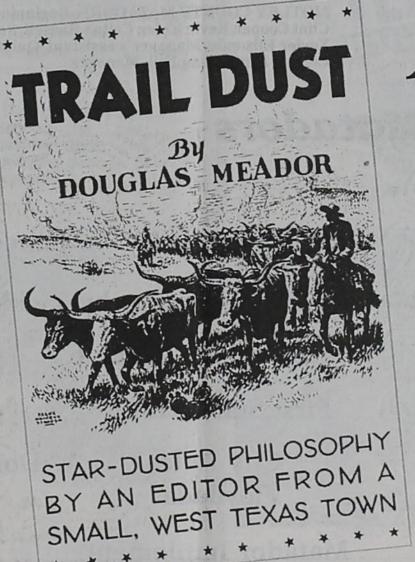
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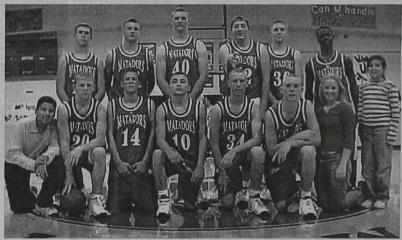
LADY MATADORS: Standing left to right, Emily Hurt, Emily Fonseka, Ashlee Green, Susanna Mendoza, Sabrina Osborn, Angie Marvel, Sierra Atherton; (middle row) Mandi Ream, Cassie Campbell, Brittany Moore (Sr.), Brittany Moore (Soph.), Stachia Baxter; (front) Charli Ream, Brittany Donaldson, Clarissa Elizondo, Chasity Holman, and Amanda Ashby.

#### DISTRICT SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Jan. 3	New Home	there	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 7	Southland	there	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Wilson	here	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 14	Spur	there	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	Patton Springs	here	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	New Home	here	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	Southland	here	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Valley JV Tourn.	there	TBA
Jan. 28	Wilson	there	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	Spur	here	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	Patton Springs	there	5:00 p.m.

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MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS: Beginning at back, left to right, Chance Bingham, Kenny Johannes, Clint Cooper, Kevin Elder, Colton Russell, Seagram Sims, Clarissa Elizondo, Manager's assistant; (front) Xavier Elizondo, Manager's assistant, Quinten Rose, Matt Henzler, Lorenzo Salazar, Cody Cooper, Clay Cooper, Kittie Campbell, Manager.

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Dale & JoEtta Bumgardner

GRAND CHAMPION SWINE — Tyler Logan, grandson of Bill and JoAnn Durham of Matador received the Grand Champion Swine trophy at the Crosby County Junior Livestock Show. Tyler, a member of Ralls FFA, earned \$1,000 for the prize. He is the son of Ed and Deanna Logan of Ralls.

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# ANNUAL **MATADOR** LIONS CLUB PANCAKE SUPPER

WHEN: January 31, 2003 Basketball Game Motley County vs. Spur

WHERE: School Cafeteria **Motley County ISD** 

TIME: 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

WHAT: All the pancakes you can eat and sausage will be served.

**HOW MUCH: \$4.00 for Adults** \$3.00 for children (6th grade & under)



## Fire Department elects new truck captains

and Robert Fisk.

service at any time.

School.

Truck captains are responsible for the maintenance, ser-

vice, and making sure their

truck is fairly clean. They also have to make sure it is ready for

bers and to let interested people

• February 17, 7:00 p.m. -Spotter's School at the Fire De-

partment building.
• March 1 - Matador Fire

Not only has January been

good for business meetings, we

have also had some good, practical training. With the possibility of some day maybe getting to put it into action, we learned

about wildland fire fighting

strategies and terminology. We

also learned about putting on and wearing our air tank for

structures and car fires. For the

veterans the training was a re-

fresher course, but for the rook-

ies it was excellent training.

Here are a couple of calendar items to help remind mem-

by Matt Crawford

A lot of business has been taken care of during the month of January at the Matador Vol-unteer Fire Department. Electing new officers, selling the old fire truck and ambulance, working on the budget, working out our dispatcher schedule, getting a new computer, and select-ing new truck captains round out the month. Order has been kept to a "T" and fines have been raking in, thanks to our Tailtwister.

The new truck captains for 2003 are:

Engine #1 - Rodney Williams and Paul Gonzalez

Truck #10 - Brian and Brent Marshall

Truck #11 - Phillip Sharp and Fred Parsons Truck #13 - Bobby Barton

and Peppi Gonzalez Truck #15 - Lee Jones and

Crawford Mason Truck #17 - Steve Barton

City Council

James Watson motioned for ap-

proval of this resolution and

Bert Darsey seconded the mo-

session at 6:52 p.m. and exited

cussed in closed session the fol-

lowing was hereby declared. The Council discussed the

pending possible litigation con-

cerning the circumstances

which occurred during the re-

cent seal coat project. The en-gineering firm was Ollier Engi-neering of Lubbock and the con-

struction company was Robert

Wagner Construction. James

Gillespie had property damaged by the construction company and as of the date of the meet-ing, no settlement had been reached between Gillespie and Wagner. The Mayor stated that

he had been contacted by Dave Charest of Ollier Engineering and Mr. Charest said that a law-

and Mr. Charest said that a law-yer for Mr. Gillespie had sent a letter to Wagner demanding \$6500.00 by January 23, 2003. Mr. Charest stated that Mr. Wagner said he would not pay. Based on advice of council Tom Hamilton, James Watson made a motion not to pay Wagner any portion of the amount owned to him un-til a settlement was reached by

til a settlement was reached be-tween Gillespie and Wagner. This motion was seconded by Shane Jones and passed 5-0. A letter to the fact was sent to all

parties by attorney Hamilton

last summer immediately fol-

Concerning the matter of employment of city secretary Linda Perryman. A motion to terminate Linda Perryman as City Secretary as per City of Matador Employee Personnel Policy Manual, was presented by James Watson. The motion was seconded by Fred Parson and it passed 5-0. Mrs. Perryman's termination of employment was effective January 10, 2003 at 8:00 a.m.

December, 2002, bills were reviewed. Following the addi-

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of

Psalms 37:4

lowing the incident.

10, 2003 at 8:00 a.m.

thine heart.

Council went into closed

As a result of matters dis-

tion, which passed 5-0.

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at 8:10 p.m.

and Matt Crawford Tanker #9 - Shawn Elliott

tion of several bills left off of the

cil members for ideas as to protect to present to the four winds R C and D council for consideration for a \$500.00 grant. With a motion by Doyle Rose and a second by Bert Darsey, the council elected to apply for a grant for park improvement from four winds. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Williams presented a resolution to authorize the mayor to advertise for bids to purchase a new track loader. Doyle Rose made a motion with a second by Jim Watson to authorize the bid by approving the resolution. This passed 5-0.

Mayor Williams advised the council that the presentation for the water improvement grant would be presented to the re-gional review board on Febru-

present at this meeting. Also attending were Linda Perryman, Water Superintendent Steve Barton, City Attorney Tom Hamilton and R.C.

official list, all presented bills were approved for payment. Mayor Williams asked coun-

Mayor Williams asked all Mayor Williams asked all council persons to have ideas to him before the February meeting on the budget for 2003-2004 year. The proposed budget will be presented in February, approved in March and become effective April 1,2003.

Mayor Williams advised the council that he had requested by letter to the County Judge 1000 cubic yards of millings for road and ditch repairs.

and ditch repairs.

ary 21, 2003. All council members were

the worst boxes. Why did He have to read every one?

Finally He turned and looked at me from across the room. He looked at me with pity in His eyes. But this was a pity that didn't anger me. I dropped my head, covered my face with my hands and began to cry again. He walked over and put His arm around me. He could have said so many things. But He didn't say a word. He just cried with me. cried with me. Then He got up and walked back to the wall of files. Start-

took out a file and, one by one, began to sign His name over mine on each card. "No!" I shouted rushing to Him. All I could find to say was "No, no," as I pulled the card from Him. His name shouldn't be on these cards. But there it was, written in red so rich, so dark, so alive. The name of Jesus covered mine. It was written with His

He gently took the card back. He smiled a sad smile and began to sign the cards. I don't think I'll ever understand how He did it so quickly, but the next instant it seemed I heard Him close the last file and walk back to my side. He placed His hand on my shoulder and said, "It is finished."

I stood up, and He led me out of the room. There was no lock on its door. There were still cards to be written.

"I can do all things through Christ who stregthens me."
— Phil. 4:13

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."
— John 3:16



Little Guthri Jenschke didn't seem to mind her turn at sitting on the donkey during halftime of the recent donkey basketball game sponsored by the Junior Class. Guthri is the one-year-old daughter of Lonnie and Kim Jenschke of Matador.

**Picket Fence** 

must ever, ever know of this

room. I must lock it up and hide

But then as I pushed away the tears, I saw Him. No, please

not Him. Not here. Oh, anyone

but Jesus. I watched helplessly

as He began to open the files and read the cards. I couldn't

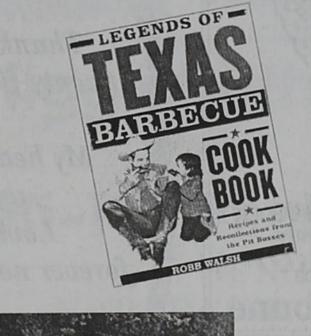
bear to watch His response. And in the moments I could bring myself to look at His face, I saw

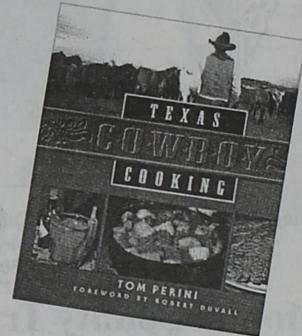
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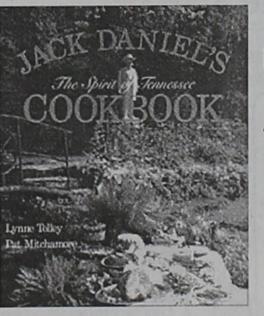
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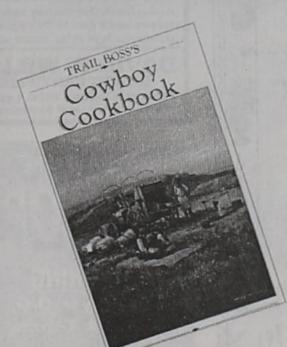






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# Aelus Around the County

# Ronring Springs Aebs

By Odessa Mullins

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

The Roaring Springs postal group had their birthday dinner at the Hitchin' Post at noon on Thursday. The group celebrated the birthdays of Harold Gordon and Grace

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. R.C Giesecke, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon, Mrs. Juanita Cooper, all of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. William Brown of Dickens; and local residents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski and Lula Swim.

#### WESLEYAN GUILD

Mrs. Grace Zabielski was hostess to the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild when it met in her home on Wednesday night, January 22, with Mrs. Pearl Patten in charge. Mrs. Patten gave the opening prayer and the blessing for the food.

The minutes were read by Mrs. Callie Giesecke. She presented the devotional, "A Cup Full of Water."

Mrs. Chelsea Read completed the study on the book of James. The group read several scriptures in the book of James. The study was mostly on Patience.

Those enjoying the delicious meal and meeting, in addition to those already mentioned, were Mrs. Donalda Letkeman, Miss Lula Swim and guest, Jennifer Moncrief, granddaughter to Grace Zabielski. Mrs. Read dismissed the group with prayer.

Mary Lumsden returned home Saturday afternoon after being in Covenant Hospital (Methodist) in Lubbock with a heart problem. She is now recuperating at home. Her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy

Largent brought her home. Pearl Patten accompanied Zella Palmer to Lubbock Tuesday to the dentist where she underwent a root

Odessa Mullins kept a doctor appointment with her heart doctor Wednesday in Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins accompanied her there and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Roller. Linda Mullins had an appointment Thursday morning with her dentist.

Lula Swim visited Bill and Billie Koon at the Lockney Rehab Center Tuesday afternoon.

Word has been received that Ralph Trice, a former teacher, coach and principal at Roaring Springs schools, has been diagnosed with cancer and it has spread. Mr. Trice and wife, Ruth, now live in Hobbs, N.M. He will be undergoing radiation treatments at Lubbock and will appreciate prayer.

# Matador Aelus

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and

Dalentine Brag

Pages

will be printed in the Feb. 13th issue

**DON'T MISS IT!** 

Inez Bailey of Brownfield, and Ronald and Kay Bailey of Eastland, spent several days at their Matador residences recently. Laverna Johnston of Lubbock drove down for a short visit with her daughter and son-in-law.

> SUPER BOWL **GET-TOGETHER**

Jack and Shirley Smith hosted a Super Bowl get-together in their

he delighteth in his way."

home Sunday. Mexican food was enjoyed before the game. While the men watched the game in one room, the women watched a movie

Those enjoying the evening Meredith of Roaring Springs.

- Psalm 37:23

in another room.

were Jayson Cooper of Plainview; local residents, Steve Smith, Tony, Sherry and Shea Rose, and Jim and Carla Meador; Kenneth Ashley, Audrey Jones, and Joe and Joyce Flomot Actus By Earlyne Jameson

#### HONORED ON 98TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. C.W. Starkey was honored on her 98th birthday Sunday, January 24th with a family luncheon and party Sunday afternoon in her home. She was presented two decorated cakes that was served with punch.

Those attending the celebration were Mrs. Phylis Gladson of Austin; Mrs. Bobbi Hanna of Warner, Okla.; Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Okla.; Mrs. Ersie VanCleeve and Shelly of Dougherty; Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd T. Starkey of Ralls; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cypert and James Cypert of Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weaver of Olton and Mrs. Jometa McLain of Hart.

Donna Hale and James Walker of Dickens; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and Christina and Jamie Browder of Amarillo; Mrs. Jackie Davis and Micheal of Fritch; Lee Ann Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Monte George and Chad, Tiffany and Lexie Hough of Lubbock; Wanda and Dwayne

Poteet of Aspermont. Mr. and Mrs. John Starkey of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Starkey of Abilene; Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains; Johnie Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

Mrs. Connie Franks was in Lubbock during the week to be with her son, Cary Franks who had surgery on a foot he injured in an accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were in Lubbock, Thursday Jan. 30 for his laser eye surgery.

Tom Ross visited in Lubbock, Tuesday with Mrs. Ruth Williams. When returning home he was hospitalized at Mangold Hospital in Lockney with pneumonia where he was a patient until Friday. He received more medical tests and treatment at the V.A. Clinic in Childress. His wife. Aleda is receiving out patient medical care for a cold virus.

Cory Kendall, Conner and Chancey of Midland visited the weekend with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jacob and Jere.

Leah Cruse of Lubbock visited the weekend with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick.

Mary Ellen Barton joined Marisue Potts and Ralph Powell of Floydada and Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador for lunch Friday in Mata-

Mrs. Julie Whitaker visited from Friday until Sunday in Sterling City in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mackey McEntire. They celebrated the birthday of her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sallie McEntire of San Angelo, Saturday night.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney and her sister and husband, Trula and Wilburn Martin enjoyed entertainment in Amarillo, Monday.

Gwen and Tim Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited Saturday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Family members attending the funeral services of John Morris held Saturday morning in Tulia were Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador, daughter and family, Mrs. Jolie Beam. Jacey and Jaylin of Munday and son, Clay Ewing of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, son, Larry Clay of Flomot and daughter, Mrs. Julie Edwards of Turkey; Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Kathy Shorter of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday attending to business at the Veteran's Hospital. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and Christina and en route home visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter met daughter and son, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brain of Ropesville in Plainview Saturday afternoon. Brain returned home with her and visited overnight. His mother visited Sunday and accompanied him home.

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

On his wife's penchant for clipping and saving recipes, her husband says she's got the world's greatest collection of uncooked recipes.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle visited in Lub-

with his sister, Aly Gwinn. Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington,

N.M. has been accompanying her daughter and husband, Wilda and Spencer Dixon to Crosbyton three times a week for Wilda's therapy treatments on her injured arm. Sunday, they met Carl Hester of Lovington, N.M. in Lubbock for

bock Saturday night and Sunday lunch and to visit.

P.A.

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T'amo siempre, tu esposo

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## Derrick Cruse named to All State Football Team

Derrick Cruse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse of Flomot, was named recently to the first team of the Six Man Coaches Assn. All State Football Team.

Derrick, a hard charging 190 pound running back for the Valley Patriots, gained 1, 762 yards, scored 31 touchdowns and had another 314 receiving yards. The Patriots had a 12-1 record in 2002 and a berth in the quarterfinals. Derrick is a senior student at Valley Schools and is the grandson of Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot.



**Derrick Cruse** 



SIGNS LETTER OF COMMITMENT — Erica Parker, center, granddaughter of Pearl Patten of Roaring Springs and Arnold and Carmella Parker of Boyd, former residents of Matador, signs a letter of commitment to play Division-1 basketball at Sam Houston State University. With Erica are her parents Arnold Wayne and Linda Parker. Erica is a graduating senior at Boyd High School. She has been active in basketball all her life. During high school she was selected as an All-State player, all-Regional and District and County MVP. She helped in leading her team to the play-offs every year in high school, including the state finals in 2001 in Austin, the regional semi-finals in 2002, and is currently the team leader in points, assists, steals, and 3 pt. shooting. After play-offs, Erica will be traveling to Norway during Spring Break to play international basketball with the AAU Texas Express 1985s, some of North Texas' best players. While in Norway she will live with a host family and attend school with a Norwegian player. She will also enjoy sight-seeing and ski-

#### **Obituaries**

#### John Morris

Services for John Morris, 89, of War II. Tulia were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 25, at First United Methodist Church in Tulia with the Rev. Rob Lindley officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home in Tulia.

He died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, in Fort Worth.

He was born Nov. 4, 1919, in Flomot. He was born and attended schools in Flomot. He married Irene Merritt on Dec. 22, 1934. He was a civilian aircraft mechanic in World

He moved to Tulia in 1952. He worked for Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Co. in Tulia for 17 years. He retired as a farmer. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Tulia before moving to

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Jana McDermett of Keller and Kay Harper of Derby, Kan.; two sons, Eddie of San Antino and Don of Hurst; a sister, Dilly Gilbert of Plainview; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

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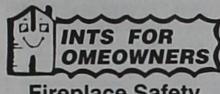
## **TFU Leaders return from Disaster Aid discussion** in Washington

Washington -- Texas Farm-ers Union (TFU) President, Wes Sims and other members returned from Washington this week optimistic that federal aid for agricultural natural disasters may be forthcoming.

Sims and about 100 other farmers, ranchers and rural businesspeople pushed for emergency aid for farmers and ranchers hit with the most widespread natural disasters since the Dust Bowl. Lawmakers presented several disaster relief proposals before the group left Washington.

The coalition, comprised of 39 organizations and led by National Farmers Union, agreed on three disaster aid must-

1) The assistance must be all-inclusive, meaning it would



#### **Fireplace Safety**

(NAPS)-Protecting your family and home from chimney fires can be simple. The key is to keep the chimney clean.

Smoke from wood fires condenses into a flammable, tar-like substance called creosote. If the creosote ignites, it can cause a raging fire that spreads through the chimney.

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· Keep It Clear-Clear all debris away from the outside of the fireplace.

• Keep An Eye On It-Never leave a fire unattended. Many house fires start from fireplace fires that were left alone.

• Keep It Safe-Always have a

cover all crop and livestock production and quality losses due to any natural disaster.

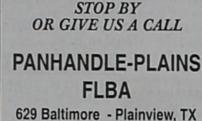
2) The assistance must be comprehensive, covering all losses for both 2001 and 2002 production years, and

3) The aid should come from "emergency" funds and not from cuts in farm bill programs. Meanwhile, White House Agriculture Adviser Chuck

Conner, who met with the group of farmers and rural businesspeople, outlined the three criteria the administration would use to judge a disaster plan: its cost, budget offsets and whether it would "move us closer to self-reliance.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Secretary Ann M. Veneman declared more than 80 percent of all U.S. counties as agricultural disasters in 2002 and 48.6 percent of all counties in 2001.

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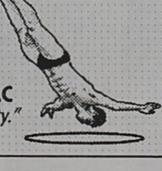
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Playing a role in the debate

was the fact that only \$2.5 Bil-

lion was truly available to pay for

the crop losses covered by a di-

bers made it very clear that they

preferred implementation of a

traditional disaster assistance

program and that is the mes-

sage taken to Washington by

PCG Officers and Staff earlier

against the approval of a tradi-

tional disaster assistance pro-

gram as offered by Democrats.

Among the bigger issues were the higher cost (approximately twice the amount of available funds), a lack of appropriate budget offsets, and the inability of the Form Somion Agency to

of the Farm Service Agency to

conduct the sign-up in a timely

disaster program to producers

would have been better target-

ing of funds to farms that suf-

fered qualifying losses.

The Republican plan has warts of its own, specifically the broader scope of producers that are eligible to receive funds due

to no specific requirement that an actual loss be identified.

Residence of an operation in a

county designated as a Primary

Disaster county is all that is nec-

essary to receive a payment.

Producers in all 25 PCG coun-

ties are eligible for payments

lican plan is that the level of as-

sistance is perceived to be far

less than producers need to off-

set the affects of poor crops in

publican plan is the fact that as-

sistance can be delivered

quickly, payments received will

be based on TOTAL direct pay-

ments an operation is eligible

for under the Farm Security and

Rural Investment Act in 2002,

and the budget offsets paying for

the program were included and

appear to satisfy the previous

objections of the Bush Adminis-

tration for fiscal responsibility

without opening up provisions of the FSRI Act to revision.

proved compare to a traditional

disaster program? The answer

could surprise people.

So how does the plan ap-

On the plus side of the Re-

Another knock on the Repub-

under the program.

2001 and/or 2002.

The upside of a traditional

Several things worked

Plains Cotton Growers mem-

saster assistance plan.

this week.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE PASSES SENATE TEST

Disaster Amendment approved by U.S. Senate will provide crop loss assistance to growers, just not the way they might have expected.

Senate action January 22 saw the approval of a revised Republican disaster assistance plan developed by Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Thad Cochran (R-MS). The Senate approved the Amendment by a vote of 59-36. The Senate defeated a subsequent attempt to replace the Republican plan with a Democratic alternative that was projected to cost significantly more.

Final approval of the FY03 Omnibus Appropriations Bill occurred late January 23 and puts the fate of the disaster program in the hands of a House-Senate Conference Committee. How the disaster language will fair in the Conference is unknown, although Administration support should work in its favor. The key will be whether or not House leaders accept the proposed cuts included in the Senate Budget Bill.

So the big question remains, which plan would have been more beneficial to producers. The Pros and Cons are not all that easy to identify but each approach had its good and bad points.

The catch for the traditional approach is that the higher payment amount would have first been reduced to conform to a specific payment limitation (as has been standard procedure in past programs) and then further reduced by an estimated 50 percent pro-rata factor to keep costs in line with available funds. It can be assumed that language requiring a pro-ration of payments would have been insisted on to keep costs within the savings made available through budget off-sets.

This means that assuming an \$80,000 payment limitation a producer with a loss that exceeded \$80,000 would have first been cut back to that level and then further reduced by one-half of that amount (assuming a 50 percent pro-rata), down to \$40,000 per entity maximum.

Under the Republican plan a producer who qualifies will be eligible to receive a lump-sum payment equal to approximately 42 percent of the TOTAL direct payments received on all crops for 2002 including all enrolled farms, not just farms that had individual losses.

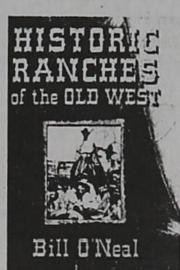
This broadens the pot of payments significantly if other crops or farms did not have losses that would have increased program eligibility under a traditional approach.

All that remains is the completion of the Conference Committee before the program

could go into effect.

PCG will continue to work to improve the final plan wherever possible. Key areas to be emphasized include finding ways to further target funds to those that need it the most and working to get higher payment levels to those that had greater than 35 percent losses.

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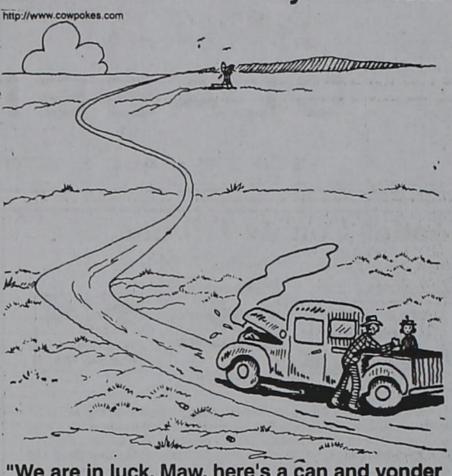


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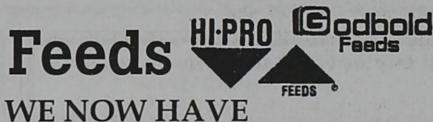
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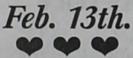
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